

## Vacuum Leaf Collection Reminders

Leaves should not be placed in the street, but instead, should be placed on the side of the street in piles or containers. Placing leaves in the street can:

- Disrupt traffic
- Disrupt surface drainage
- Hamper snow removal operations
- Pose a fire hazard to vehicles parked over them
- Become very slippery in wet weather, causing hazards to vehicles attempting to stop, start or change direction



Crews will rake leaf piles from the grass into the street

## Not in the Vacuum Leaf Collection District?

If your community does not currently receive vacuum leaf collection services from Montgomery County, you can get information by visiting our web site at

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcdot](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcdot)

Click on Highway Services

Click on Leaf Collection

Or call Customer Service at:

**240.777.6000**



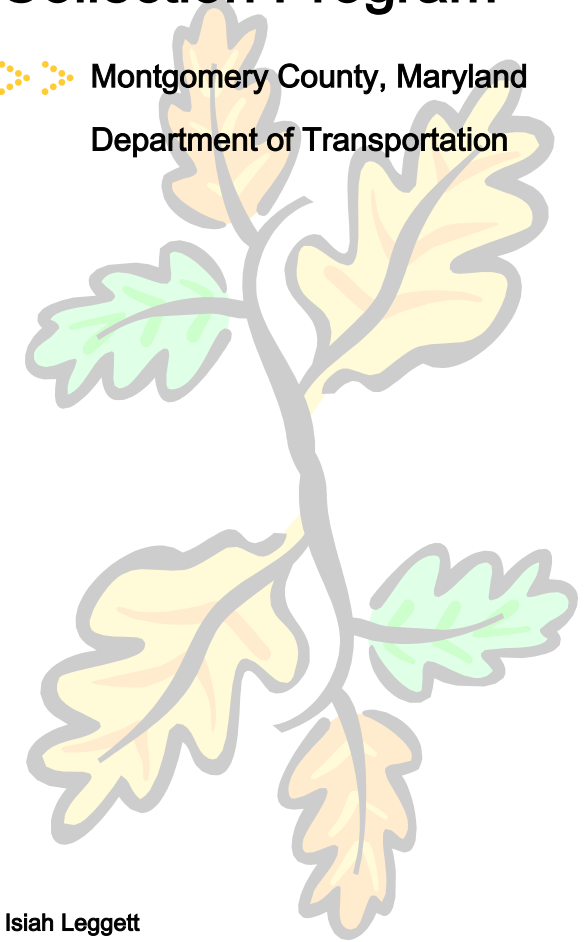
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## 2009 Vacuum Leaf Collection Program

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## Vacuum Leaf Collection

The Division of Highway Services (DHS) of the Department of Transportation (MCDOT) begins the 2009 Vacuum Leaf Collection Program in early November (weather permitting).

The Leaf Collection District is generally south of Bel Pre Road, east of I-270/I-495 and west of New Hampshire Avenue, to the District line.

**WHO,** DHS collects approximately 150,000 cubic yards of leaves from the public right-of-way along more than 850 miles of roads, providing service to 118,000 households – enough leaves to fill a football field 10 stories high! The leaves are transported to Montgomery County's Leaf Composting Site at Dickerson for composting.

**WHEN,**

**WHERE,**

**HOW,**

**HOW MUCH**

The current fee for the 2009 service was included in the solid waste charge in the County's annual tax bill. The charge for residents in the leaf vacuuming district was \$93.96 for single-family homes, and \$4.06 for each multi-family unit.

The Leaf Collection Program continues for 6 to 8 weeks, and includes postings for 2 scheduled pick-ups.

**First collection.** We will post **green signs** throughout the work areas several days before our crews' arrival. We will attempt to allow a weekend for residents to rake their leaves to the edge of the road for vacuum pick-up. Signs will be removed after our crews complete each street.

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### PROCESS

The second and final fall collection will begin after Thanksgiving. The timing will depend on weather conditions. **Red signs** will indicate this is the final collection. The same posting, collection, and sign removal procedures are used for both vacuum collections.

### Residents Should

- Note the information on the posted signs
- Rake leaves to the road edge (see pictures) or place leaves in paper yard waste bags.
- Leaves placed in plastic bags will not be collected.
- Keep parked vehicles away from leaf piles

### Residents Should **Not**

- Place leaf piles in the street (see pictures)
- Place sticks or other debris in the leaves
- Place leaves in plastic bags
- Block access to leaf piles by parking cars on or in front of leaf piles



YES! Proper placement of leaf piles.



NO ! Please do not place leaf piles in the street.

THANK YOU!